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TAGS: ELAB, CI
SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO AFL-CIO/GOC/AFL-CIO EXCHANGE ON TRADE
UNION RIGHTS

REF: STATE 033145

1. CHILEAN PRESS GINGERLY REPORTED THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY AND CHILEAN
LABOR MINISTER SERGIO FERNANDEZ, GIVING SOMEWHAT MORE SPACE
TO FERNANDEZ BUT LEAVING THE FLAVOR OF MEANY.

2. PRESTIGIOUS "EL MERCURIO" IN A LEAD EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 28
PRAISED THE AFL-CIO'S HISTORY OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND STATED
THAT IT WAS NOT REASONABLE TO LINK THE AFL-CIO WITH THE
ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILE. "MERCURIO" CONCLUDED
THAT THE AFL-CIO MUST HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED ABOUT THE
SITUATION IN CHILE TO SEND SUCH A LETTER TO FERNANDEZ.
IT THEREFORE FELL INTO A VACUUM, SINCE THE AFL-CIO DID
NOT RECOGNIZE THE NATURE AND "TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS" OF
THE SYSTEM APPLIED TO CHILEAN LABOR. "MER URIOZZ EMPLOYED
THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO ADVANCE AGAIN ITS
CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF IMPROVING THE ABILITY OF CHILE'S
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FOREIGN SERVICE TO FORM OPINION ABROAD OF THE COUNTRY'S
REALITY.

3. "LA TERCERA" ON FEBRUARY 28 RAN A WASHINGTON DATELINED
UPI REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. THE ARTICLE
UQUOTED LIBERALLY FROM FERNANDEZ' LETTER. IT JUXTAPOSED
QUOTES OF THE AFL-CIO DEMAND FOR RESTORATION OF TRADE

UNION RIGHTS AND THE AEL-CIO CHARGE THAT THE GOC USE
AN ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTURE TO DISGUISE REPRESSION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH POSITIONS PUT FORWARD BY FERNANDEZ.

4. LESS SOPHISTICATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN "MERCURIRO",
THE GOVERNMENT'S "EL CRONISTA" NEWSPAPER ATTEMPTED TO LINK MEANY
WITH AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES AGAINST CHILE. THE MAIN CULPRIT
WAS LAURA ALLENDE, SISTER OF THE FORMER CHILEAN PRESIDENT,
WHO WAS TIED TO ANOTHER BETE NOIRE, ALI ALLANA THE HEAD OF
THE UNHRC GROUP ON CHILE.
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